THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. ANANDA REDDY

W.P.NO. 17792 OF 2005

DATED: 17..08..2005

Between:

M. Madhava Rao, s/o. Venkaiah, 54 yrs,

Occu: Sub-Inspector of Railway Protection Force,

Donakonda, Guntur district.

….. Petitioner.

And

The Chief Security Commissioner,

Railway Protection Force, Secunderabad

And 3 others.

…. Respondents

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O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioner aggrieved by the order passed by the 2nd respondent herein imposing punishment of reduction in the rank from Sub-Inspector to Head Constable in the scale of Rs.3200-4900 for a period of one year (with cumulative effect) with immediate effect.

2. The petitioner filed the present writ petition alleging that there is violation of principles of natural justice, as, during the course of enquiry, the Enquiry Officer did

not allow the petitioner to cross-examine the witnesses of the management. However, this Court declines to go into the merits of the matter by entertaining the writ petition, as, admittedly, a remedy of appeal is provided to the Deputy Chief Security Commissioner, RPF.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of directing the petitioner to file appeal before the Deputy Chief Security Commissioner, Railway Protection Force. If such appeal is filed, the appellate authority is directed to dispose of the same expeditiously, as the punishment imposed is a reduction in rank for a period of one year, preferably within a period of two months from the date of presentation of the appeal by the petitioner.

4. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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S. Ananda Reddy, J.

Dt. 17..08..2005

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